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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

June 7, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an office action dated December 7, 2001 in the above-reference application. In response, the Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the following amendments and re-consideration of the application in light of the amendments and the remarks following.

In the Specification: (Marked-up copies replaced paragraphs in Appendix A)

- Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 3 with the following:

After passing through laser band pass filter 24, the scattered light is apertured by a spatial filter 28, which acts to restrict the angular field of view of the subsequent optical system. The scattered light is then focused by a pair of lenses 22. The light is then passed through laser rejection filter 20. This filter effectively filters out light having a wavelength identical to the laser light, which was originally transmitted onto the sample through laser illumination fiber 14. After passing through filter 20, the light is transmitted back to the imaging apparatus by the image collection bundle 18.

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